

*proper inventories and tax returns and paid all inheritance and estate taxes legally charged against them and not one of the Plaintiffs offered to pay any inheritance or estate taxes thereon nor did they offer any services or ask any questions or make any demands about the inventories and tax returns. That the wood lot, being part of the land conveyed by said deed dated October 7, 1905, was advertised for sale at public auction and sold without any objection being made by any of the plaintiffs and your Respondent believes, and so alleges, that the present record owners of said wood lot have not been made parties to this proceeding although their title would be open to question if it should be held that the said deed of October 7, 1905 was a nullity. Your Respondent has no knowledge of what the Complainants may or may not know or have known regarding the said deed and the said parcels of real estate, but your Respondent believes and so charges that the Complainants knew the said J. Bernard Welty and knew that he was the owner and reputed owner of his home and his farm and his wood lot after the death of his beloved wife on or about August 3, 1935, and the complainants are charged with the knowledge of public records and if they had wished to challenge the rights of the said J. Bernard Welty in said property, they should have done so more seasonably; and your Respondent denies that the Complainants have any interest in any of the said properties as heirs of Marie Celeste Welty.*

*6. Answering the SIXTH paragraph of said Bill of Complaint, your Respondent says that the said J. Bernard Welty, by his will aforesaid, duly probated in the Orphans' Court for Frederick County, did devise the aforesaid farm property to Tyson J. Welty, and the aforesaid town property to your Respondent, Ethel Welty Gelwicks. And your Respondent further says that such will is not void and of no effect. Your Respondent further says that the heirs of the said Marie Celeste Welty have no interest in the said property. Your Respondent further says that the deed of October*